

Missouri Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Task Force

In 2009, the Missouri General Assembly passed HB272 that calls for the establishment in the Department of Health and Senior Services of an "Alzheimer's Disease State Plan Task Force" charged with addressing the challenges of Alzheimer's disease for future generations.

Members

The 19 members of the Task Force include representation from state government (i.e., the lieutenant governor's office, the state departments of health and senior services, social services, and mental health, the house of representatives, and the senate), professionals working with persons with Alzheimer's, a family caregiver, and a person living with Alzheimer's.

Objectives

The Task Force has three main objectives:

- Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's and related dementia on residents of Missouri
- Examine existing services and resources for persons with dementia, their families, and caregivers
- Develop recommendations to respond to this escalating public health situation

Areas of Focus

The areas of focus for the Task Force include:

- Type, cost, and availability of services for persons with dementia, including respite, home, community, and residential long term care
- Dementia training requirements for employees providing care for persons with dementia in all care settings
- Quality care measures for services delivered across the continuum of care
- Capacity of public safety law enforcement to respond to person with Alzheimer's
- State support for Alzheimer's research through institutes of higher learning in Missouri
- Services and resources for persons with early stage Alzheimer's disease, early onset Alzheimer's disease, individuals with Alzheimer's disease as a result of Down syndrome, and family caregivers

Outcomes

- Public input will be gathered through meetings in four diverse geographic regions
- Report of findings and recommendations will be submitted to the general assembly and governor in the form of a state plan no later than November 15, 2010 as part of Alzheimer's Awareness Month
- Annual supplemental reports on the findings will be provided to the governor and general assembly



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